

Introduced by

Senator Mathern

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for an office of management and budget study of building a new
2 state hospital.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET STUDY OF BUILDING A NEW**
5 **STATE HOSPITAL - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.**

6 1. During the 2023-24 interim, the office of management and budget, in consultation with
7 the department of health and human services and department of corrections and
8 rehabilitation, shall study the most fiscally responsible option for building a new state
9 hospital consistent with the object of the state hospital as provided in section
10 25-02-03. The study must include an analysis of:

11 a. The most appropriate location for the new state hospital or appropriate locations
12 for community-based state hospital facilities to be placed throughout the state
13 based on regional behavioral health and human service needs for individuals in
14 each region as defined in chapter 50-06;

15 b. Building designs focused on the health, safety, and successful treatment of
16 individuals in need of services at the state hospital or community-based state
17 hospital facilities; and

18 c. The most appropriate use of existing state hospital facilities, including
19 determining the feasibility of repurposing existing state hospital facilities for use
20 by the department of corrections and rehabilitation and the demolition of any
21 unneeded buildings.

22 2. The office of management and budget shall issue a request for proposal for the
23 construction of a new state hospital or new community-based state hospital facilities,
24 renovation of existing facilities, and any demolition costs to determine an appropriate

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1 cost for the project for consideration by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly. The office
2 of management and budget shall report its findings and recommendations to the
3 legislative management by July 1, 2024.